

Haines Borough Solid Waste Working Group

Minutes of Meeting on Friday, May 14

In attendance: Chair Melissa Aronson, Tom Morphet; Guests: Acting Borough Clerk Alekka Fullerton, Carol Tuynman, Paul Rogers

Meeting called to order 10:09 a.m. by chair Aronson

Single Agenda Item: Request to Haines Borough for funding of SWWG outreach

Aronson outlines need for ROW document flyer to each boxholder (\$1000), website upgrade for ROW document (1,000) and outreach advertising in the CVN, KHNS (\$2,500)

Fullerton responds that budget for administration advertising is only \$600 per year. “You don’t know how many \$2,000 requests I get. I don’t want to say no, but I can’t say yes.” She said the borough doesn’t have a public education budget.

Aronson asked how the committee would be able to disseminate information it develops without such funding.

Morphet said a patchwork of companies and groups provides waste disposal in Haines and that the outreach would make it simple for people to navigate that patchwork, potentially reducing illegal dumping and bear attractants.

Fullerton said, “I want to support you but I can’t commit \$2,500 for the (media campaign). Fullerton expressed confidence that money would be available for the box holder and associated website work (\$2,600) but not for the media campaign.

Fullerton said borough waste priorities currently include 1) the general community cleanup, 2) the garbage bear situation and 3) gathering construction debris from December landslides. She wondered if collecting in Connex trailers and barging south demolition debris and stowed household trash *before* summer would also reduce waste piles that are a bear attraction.

Aronson asked if borough providing free dumping might be construed as interference with a private business (CWS)

Morphet said if there was a reduced or eliminated tipping fee, similar to “book fine amnesty” day at the library, that would work toward the SWWG goal of making dumping cheaper for low-income residents, as represented by the SWWG plan to offer dump vouchers at the community food bank. He agreed to look into speaking to Alaska Marine Lines about a reduced rate for shipping such a load.

Fullerton said such an effort might be a partnership between Haines Borough, Haines Friends of Recycling and Chilkoot Indian Association.

Morphet and **Aronson** agreed that having the acting manager attend group meetings would help keep the group and the borough working together. Fullerton said Friday meetings were best for her. At our last meeting we set the next meeting for Tuesday June 1 from 4-5:30. We should consider future meetings to be held on Fridays if that works with the rest of SWWG.

Meeting adjourned 11:05 a.m.